

# East County Intercom



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Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CENTER -

**Public Transportation Forum** - To help residents better understand the region's transportation infrastructure and ongoing changes, a **Transportation Forum** is being held on **Saturday, June 2, 2007 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Residents will have the opportunity to provide input & suggestions for improvements. The forum is being provided by the East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB) in conjunction with the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (EMRSC) and is being held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center. For more information, contact (240)777-8400

### Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center to Offer Spanish Class

The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center will offer Spanish classes on **Monday evenings from 6 to 8 pm starting June 11 and running through July 30**. The class, called "*Basic Communication in Spanish*," will meet at the Center, located at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road in Silver Spring. The class will teach basic skills needed to understand and communicate with the Spanish speaker, including practice speaking and composing sentences. Participants should have a basic knowledge of conjugating verbs. *Fee for the class is \$50 & includes all necessary learning materials.* Call to register.



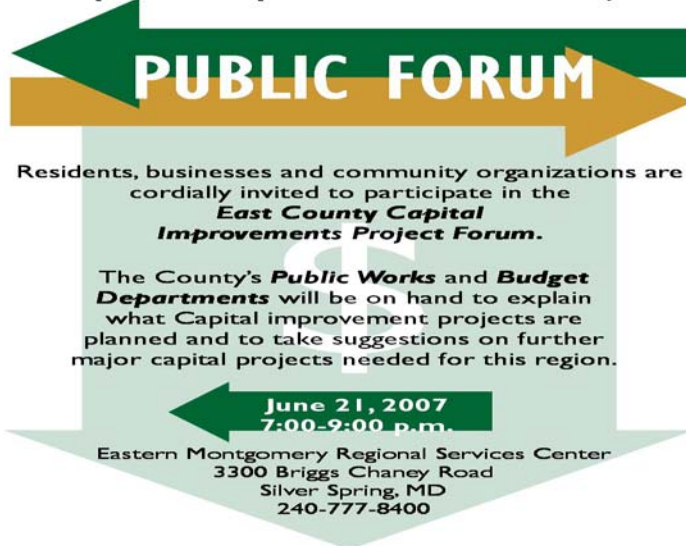
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### Topics of Interest

- Meet Your County featured by EMRSC
- Spanish Classes, Free ESOL classes at EMRSC, AARP, Jazz Festival, Mediation classes, Employment Services at EMRSC
- Quote of the month, Recipes
- East County Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Information
- The Peoples Community Wellness Clinic
- Health and Human Services
- The Third District Police Station

## Capital Improvements Project



### Community Yard Sale at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center- "*Diamonds in the Rough*"

The Eastern Montgomery Regional Center is hosting a community yard sale every **third Saturday, from June through October 2007**. The sale will open from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm each Saturday and all proceeds of the sale will be donated to Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, MD. **Sellers must provide your own table & chairs.** Rates: \$10.00 for one

parking stall, \$15.00 for two parking stalls and \$25.00 for three parking stalls. **Dates of Sale : June 16<sup>th</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, August 18<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup> & October 20<sup>th</sup>. Limited space! Call today @ 240-777-8400 to reserve your parking space!**

**Resume Writing Workshop for Limited English Proficient**— The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (EMRSC), in partnership with Jewish Vocational Services, will host a workshop on resume writing designed to assist those with limited English skills. It will cover how to choose the best resume format, the essential ingredients of a resume, and how to put all of your talents and abilities on paper. **The workshop will be held from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the EMRSC, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road in Silver Spring.** For additional information or to sign-up please call 240-777-8400



**Drivers Safety Class** -the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers age 50 and older, has helped millions of drivers remain safe on today's roads. The AARP Driver Safety class is an 8-hour course that can help you learn not only the affects of aging on driving but also how you can adjust your driving. This event is being sponsored by the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center. The course is designed to help you to tune up your driving skills & update your knowledge of the rules of the road, learn about normal age-related physical changes, and learn how to adjust your driving to allow for these changes. Auto insurance companies in most states provide a multiyear discount to AARP graduates. 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904; **Saturday, July 7, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; Fee: \$10.00; Lang.: English. Limited Seats only! Call #(240) 777-8400 immediately to register !!!**

## *East County Jazz Festival*

**Saturday, June 23, 2007**  
**3:00pm - 9:30pm**

Several internationally-known artists will perform and the line-up includes Marcus Johnson and Three Keys, the Jonathan Davis Trio, Lavenia Nesmith (currently appearing at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Washington DC) and Johnnie Steele, just to mention a few. For additional information, contact TPCWC at (301) 847-1172.

**East County Jazz Festival**

**Saturday, June 23, 2007**  
3:00pm to 9:30pm  
Admission: \$10

3300 Briggs Chaney Road  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20904

**A Benefit Performance for The People's Community Wellness Center (TPCWC)**  
Call 301-847-1172 for additional information.

Tickets will be sold at the gate and can be purchased in advance at the Wellness Center. Cash Only. ATM available.

**Bring your lawn chairs.**  
no coolers or grills allowed.

Food and crafts will be available for sale.

Please enter at parking lot located at the corner of Gateheads Manor and Briggs Chaney Road

**FREE PARKING**

Proceeds to benefit the operation of TPCWC as a Free Clinic

## CURRENT ON-GOING EVENTS AT THE CENTER

### **Employment Services Offered in East County -**

The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, in cooperation with the Montgomery Works Career Development Center, continues to provide employment assistance on the **third Thursday of each month.** The next day to receive assistance at the Center, located at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road in Silver Spring, is **June 21; 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.** Individuals can get help with skill assessments; resume writing, interviewing, career planning, networking and using computers to find job opportunities. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 240-777-8400.



**Free ESOL Classes being offered-** The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, in partnership with the Chinese Culture and Community Center, offers daytime ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes for adults. The classes meet on **Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon for 20 weeks.** Space is still available for beginners and advanced levels. All classes are offered free of charge, however a \$10 refundable deposit and \$18 book fee are required. To sign up for a class or to receive more information, call 240-777-8400.

## **SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE EAST COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD (ECCAB) MEMBERS**

Each year, at about this time, the East County Citizen's Advisory Board says farewell to Board members whose terms are coming to a close. To **Chairman Stephen Jacobs** and members **Ann Williams, David Kelly, Gladstone James, Freda Hartman** and **Rochelle Rollins** we extend our sincerest appreciation for your willingness to volunteer your time and energy on behalf of the residents of East County.

A very *special* tribute goes out to the family and friends of Late Board Member **Barbara Medina**, who passed away during this past year. Her civic mindedness and sincere love of nature are missed by all.



## EVENTS HELD AT THE EASTERN MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SERVICES CENTER

**Center Provides Free Transportation to Job Fair** - On May 7th, Congressman Wynn hosted his 15th Annual Job Fair at the Sports & Learning Complex in Prince George's County. In order to make the Fair more accessible, the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center provided free "Ride On" bus service for area residents wanting to attend. The event was well attended by both employers and job-seekers and offered optimistic east county residents encouragement in their pursuit of employment opportunities

**Parent Education Workshop** - Behavior has a purpose and, for children, the primary purpose behind most behavior is "to belong." This was the underlying premise for the workshop on "Raising Responsible Children" held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Twelve parents attended the 1 ½ hour workshop facilitated by Pam Mintz of the YMCA Youth & Family Services Program. The workshop focused on chores and allowances as a means of preparing children to learn responsibility, teaching them life skills, being an active contributor to the family, and building relations of cooperation, among other outcomes. Giving kids responsibilities also requires parents to do the training, Pam explained, which sometimes is as time-consuming as the task itself. Emphasis was placed on continual communication with children about what the family values are as to why certain behaviors are expected of children, and, of course, the essential need for consistency. The workshop concluded with parents sharing their ideas of what they plan to take home and try with their children. The Center plans to host additional parenting workshops in the future. To indicate your interest or suggest workshop topics email us at [eastco.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:eastco.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov).



## Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center participates in Tamarack Day Celebration—

Saturday, May 22 –The Eastern Montgomery Regional Center and the East County Citizens Advisory Board were pleased to have participated in the Tamarack Day festivities, which celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tamarack Triangle community. County Executive Isiah Leggett, Council President Marilyn Praisner and Board of Education President Nancy Navarro were in attendance as well as State Delegates Herman Taylor and Anne Kaiser and State Senator Rona Kramer.



### The Peoples' Community and Wellness Center (TPCWC) at EMRSC

A COOPERATIVE Venture between the People's Community Wellness Center (TPCWC), Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (EMRSC) and Mobile Med.

Hours : Mon-Tues 8:30am—4:30 pm /Wed.-Thurs 2:00pm—10:00 pm / Fri : 8:30 am—4:30 pm

All patients are seen by appointment only. No Walk-Ins will be taken

Women's Clinic (Appointment Required) : 1st Thursday Night of Every Month

Men's Clinic (No Appointment Required) : 2nd Thursday Night of Every Month

TPCWC and Mobile Medical cannot provide Emergency Care.

Patients requiring Emergency Care should dial 911 or report to the nearest hospital emergency room.

*If you have additional questions, you can contact TPCWC at (301) 847-1172 or*

[www.pcw.onehealthylife.org](http://www.pcw.onehealthylife.org)



**Free Compost Bins  
available at  
EMRSC  
Call 240-777-8400**

## Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center participates in 24th Colesville Strawberry Festival

— The threat of rain and crops affected by a long winter could not dampen the spirits at the 24th Annual Colesville Strawberry Festival on **Saturday, May 19, 2007**. The day long event was held at the Old Colesville School on the corner of New Hampshire Avenue and Hobbs Drive (one mile north of Randolph Road). East county residents were treated to plump juicy strawberries, bright sunny weather, music, face painting and games. This annual event was a great chance to meet the community, our neighbors, county agencies and elected officials. A wide array of vendors sold plants, jewelry and of course Strawberries with cream on a unexpectedly beautiful spring day. The East County Citizens Advisory Board members connected with East county residents through EMRSC literature and liquorish.



**Clergy Leaders Meet at EMRSC** - “Affordable Housing” was the topic of the third semi-annual meeting of East County clergy leaders on May 22, hosted by the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center. Approximately 30 attendees learned of the county’s present and future initiatives.

**Rick Nelson**, *Director, Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs*, updated leaders on strategies being employed by county officials to improve what is known as one of the county’s most significant problems. Mr. Nelson spoke of such measures as purchasing additional multi-family units, educating people on financing and retaining homes, and working with other property owners to set aside affordable units.

**Alisa Glassman**, *Lead Organizer for Action in Montgomery (AIM)* shared her organization’s efforts toward the increase of affordable housing units. AIM is comprised of 32 area faith congregations who have committed financial support and advocacy for this cause. AIM is credited with being a key influence in the creation of 1500 additional “moderately priced units (MPU’s), in our county.

**Charles Day** represented *Habitat for Humanity*, whose goal is to provide 20 homes per year to qualified residents of Montgomery County. Their homes are built completely by volunteers, sold to families with zero interest loans, and receiving families are provided full supportive services to encourage a successful outcome. Habitat for Humanity is currently working on its biggest project ever in the community of Silverwood, located in Burtonsville.

**Bruce Adams**, *Director of the Office of Community Partnerships under the County Executive*, shared some of the projects and priorities of this “new” office. The office currently provides liaison representation for the Asian, Hispanic, and African American communities and will soon add representation for the faith-based and nonprofit sectors. The Office hopes to alleviate unnecessary “hoops and hurdles” of these groups and to increase the county’s cultural competence.







# MEET YOUR COUNTY

*This is a series of articles describing services in Eastern Montgomery*

**Who**

Fairland Community Center

**Mission**

The mission of the Montgomery County Department of Recreation is to provide high quality, diverse, and accessible programs, services and facilities that enhance the quality of life for all ages, cultures, and abilities.

**Major Functions**

The Fairland Community Recreation Center is a multi-purpose recreational facility that provides a variety of activities and events for people of all ages. The facility features a full size gymnasium, social hall, exercise room, game room, community room, conference room, and art room. A variety of spaces are for rent.

**Services Provided**After-School Programs

**Kidz Club** for grades K-5: Monday-Friday, 3:00-6:00pm

**Open Gym** for Elementary-Senior High: Monday-Friday, 2:30-6:00pm

**Club Friday** (October-April): Friday 6:30-8:30pm All Rooms

**After Hours** Friday 8:00-10:00pm All Rooms

Drop-In Programs

**Men's Basketball** (19 & older) Monday, 8:00-10:00pm, Gymnasium

**Adult Table Tennis** Wednesday, 8:00-10:00pm, Social Hall

**Adult Badminton** Thursday, 8:00-10:00pm, Gymnasium

**Men's Basketball** (30 & older) Wednesday, 8:00-10:00pm, Gymnasium

**Adult Volleyball** Tuesday, 8:00-10:00pm, Gymnasium

**Open Gym** (all ages) Saturday, 10:00am-5:00pm, Gymnasium (flexible)

**Tuesdays:** 9:30am-12:00 pm **Seniors** may use the gymnasium for walking

**Wednesdays:** 9:30am-12:00pm **Seniors** may use the gymnasium for walking

**Thursdays:** 9:00am-10:00pm **Seniors** may use the weight room free of charge

**Other Important Facts**

Fairland Seniors enjoy a wide range of activities on Thursdays from 10:00am-2:00pm. The program includes entertainment, health education, arts & crafts, guest speakers, and fitness. Occasional mini-trips to local points of interest add another dimension to the wide range of possibilities offered through Fairland Seniors age 55 and better.

**Location**

14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866

**Contact**

240-777-4970

## Conference Room Layouts at EMRSC

Meeting and conference room space is available for community use. The rooms have wireless internet connectivity, several wall-mounted projector screens and can seat from 20 to 70 persons. To reserve space, call the CUPF agency at 240 777-2706



## NEWS AND TIPS FROM MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT



"Congratulations" to Commander Betsy Davis. She is being promoted to an Assistant Chief and will be in charge of the Field Services Bureau. Commander Donald Johnson will replace her and will be the new Commander of the 3rd District. Lt. Porsha Jones was promoted to Director of Media Services.

Lieutenant Eric Burnett will join the command staff of the 3rd District.

For further information, click [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/police](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/police)

### IMPORTANT POLICE DEPARTMENT HOTLINE NUMBERS

GANG TIP HOTLINE	240-773-4264
DRUG TIP HOTLINE	240-773-3784
ABANDONED VEHICLES	301-840-2454
CRIME STATISTICS LINE	240-773-5125
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY	301-279-8000 (to file a police report)
RECORDS DIVISION	240-773-5330 (to obtain copies of reports)
3rd DISTRICT STATION	301-565-7740 (finger printing/accident reports)
JOB LINE	240-773-5300 (push "5")
ANIMAL SERVICES	240-773-5925

Montgomery County Police Department  
3<sup>rd</sup> District Police - Silver Spring  
801 Sligo Avenue,  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
Tel # (301) 565-7740



**Sahaja Yoga Meditation** - The **FREE** five week course on Sahaja yoga began May 15th and will continue to be held every Tuesday from 7:15 pm until 8:15 pm at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904. The course offers self realization through hands-on workshops, information sessions, audio/video presentations and musical workshops. The class is sponsored by the Sahaja Yoga Group in the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area, part of a worldwide volunteer organization. For more information, visit [www.sahajayoga.org](http://www.sahajayoga.org) or email [MDyoga@gmail.com](mailto:MDyoga@gmail.com) / contact (410)305-0799.

**Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi, (founder of Sahaja Yoga)**

### Citizens Involved

Next meeting is being held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center on June 13th from 7:30 pm-8:30 pm. For further information, call 301-384-8888 or visit <http://www.citizensinvolved.com/index.html>

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN EAST COUNTY

**EAST COUNTY RECREATION CENTERS** (Briggs Chaney, Burtonsville, Fairland, NE Silver Spring) call **240-777-4980**

[East County Community Recreation Center](#) W G R

3310 Gateshead Manor Way, Silver Spring, MD 20904 | 301-572-7004 | FAX 301-572-7026

[Fairland Community Recreation Center](#) W G R

14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866 | 240-777-4970 | FAX 240-777-4981

W=[Exercise/Weight Room membership](#) available / G=[Open Gym membership](#) available / R=Class registrations accepted

**For other programs call :**

[Aquatics](#) 240-777-6860

[Camps and Summer Programs](#) 240-777-6870

[Senior](#) 240-777-4925

[Classes](#) 240-777-6870

[Gilchrist Diversity Center](#) 240-777-4940

[Sports](#) 240-777-6961

[Health, Wellness and Special Events](#) 240-777-6820

[Teens](#) 240-777-6985

[Hearts and Parks](#) 240-777-6826

**FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS - go to**

**[http://montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/News/press/PR\\_list.asp](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/News/press/PR_list.asp)**



## LIBRARY NEWS!

[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Libraries/newsandevents/PR\\_list.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Libraries/newsandevents/PR_list.asp)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS !

Fairland Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866 Tel 240-773-9460

check it out at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Libraries/branchinfo/branchevents.asp?branch=7>

White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904 Tel 240-773-9555

check it out at

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Libraries/branchinfo/branchevents.asp?branch=22>

## Food & Entertainment -Father's Day—June 17th is a special day!

Father's Day is a great day to tell Dad how much you love him! So what are you doing for the best Dad in the world?



Dad's day seems to be a traditional time to cook outdoors. Whether it's a propane grill in the back yard, a charcoal grill at a local park or beach, or a hearty meal prepared over a campfire. So gather the family together and cook up some father's Day memories.

Check out some Father's Day Barbeque recipes at:

[http://www.star chefs.com/fathersday\\_grilling/html/index.shtml](http://www.star chefs.com/fathersday_grilling/html/index.shtml)

<http://www.fabulousfoods.com/holidays/dadsday/dadbbq.html>

### Quote of the Month !

*It is the wise father that knows his own child .*

*William Shakespeare*



## We Want Your Feedback!

Are there County programs or information you would like to hear more about? Concerns that you would like to see addressed? We would like to hear from you so that we can plan events that better meet your needs.

The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center was designed to bring direct services to the East County and to bridge the distance between residents and the County government. Your suggestions, ideas, and recommendations are important to us in our planning efforts. Please bring them to our attention by emailing us at [eastco.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:eastco.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov) or by calling 240-777-8400.

If you have items that you would like to include in our newsletter please forward them to: [eastcocitizen@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:eastcocitizen@montgomerycountymd.gov)

Our next meeting of the East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB) will be held on

**Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at 7:15pm** at the  
Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center,  
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904  
(240) 777-8400, Fax (240) 777-8410, TTY (240) 777-8418



To subscribe to our East County Newsletter, click

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To review our Welcome Page, click

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Content/RSC/EASTCO/welcome.asp>

### Did you realize?

On May 6th this year after mid-night, at 2 hrs, 3 min & 4 sec.

The time read as:

**02:03:04:05:06:07**

### Did you know?

June 14 is Flag Day



Flag Day was first observed in 1877 on the 100th anniversary of the Continental Congress' adoption of the [Stars and Stripes](#) as the official flag of the United States.

Check out details at

<http://www.usflag.org/history.html>

**East County Citizens  
Advisory Board (ECCAB)**

*Guests are invited to attend the East County Citizens Advisory Board meetings and encouraged to ask questions & provide comments.*

If you have questions about an agenda item please contact :  
Tel (240) 777-8400  
Fax (240) 777-8410  
TTY (240) 777-8418

*For special accommodations  
please contact our office at least  
72 hours in advance*

**Eastern Montgomery Regional  
Services Center**

**Anise Key Brown, Director  
3300 Briggs Chaney Road,  
Silver Spring, MD 20904**

**Tel (240) 777-8400 /Fax (240) 777-8410  
TTY/TTD (240) 777-8418**

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eastco](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eastco)  
[eastco.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:eastco.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov)

**Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm**

**LOCATION**

**Eastern Montgomery Regional  
Services Center**

We are located off Route 29 at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, between Robey Road and Gateshead Manor Way.

**Directions from I-495, the Capital Beltway:**  
Take the Colesville Road (Rt. 29) exit, going north towards Columbia. Go about 6 miles and take the right exit going east on Briggs Chaney Road. Turn left onto Robey Road and then turn right into our facility. (You can also enter from Gateshead Manor Way.)

**By Bus:** We are next to the Briggs Chaney Park & Ride Lot, served by Metrobus lines Z6, Z8, Z11, & Z13; and by Ride On Route 39.

**The People's Community Wellness Clinic**

Primary Health Care Clinic for  
uninsured and underinsured adults.

**Call 301-847-1172 for appointments**

**Monday-Friday  
9 am – 4 pm**

**Health & Human Services**

Department of Health & Human Services  
East County Regional Office  
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

*Serving Zip codes: 20903, 20904, 20905, 20866, 20868.*

**Most services by appointment only.  
Please call ahead: 240-777-4470  
Monday-Friday 9 am – 4 pm**

**Police Third District – Briggs Chaney Substation**

A community Police substation is located in our building at  
3300 Briggs Chaney Rd.

For assistance, please call:  
**(240) 773-5800.**

The main Police station for our area is:  
Silver Spring Police Station,  
801 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910  
**(301) 565-7744**

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web : <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eastco>**

